Sector (both Central and State), organised industry (other than those in Central and State Government), and Small-Scale Industries during the year 1997, 1998 and 1999 are as follows:

(in lakhs)

Sl.No.	Sector	1997	1998	1999
1.	Government**	107.80	107.11	107.71
2.	Organised Sector (includes central and state public sector undertakings, local bodies and organised private sector)	174.65	174.55	173.42
3.	Small Scale Industry*	167.20	171.58	177.30

* Some of the Small-scale industries are included in the organised sector.

** Employment in Indian Mission abroad, defence personnel and Para military forces without any fixed location are not included.

Reliable annual estimates of employment in the unorganised sector are not available. The estimates are obtained from the Labour Force Surveys carried out by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) on quinquennial basis. The key results of 1999-2000 indicates that the employment in the unorganised sector which was of the order of 304.6 million during 1993-94 has gone up to around 342 million during 1999-2000. The total work force (both in organised and unorganised sector) is of the order of 370 million which includes permanent, casual and contract labour. The individual break up between these three categories is not maintained.

Transfer of CSS Officers

*394. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have transferred a number of CSS Officers at the level of Under Secretary who have completed a fixed tenure as prescribed by Government;

(b) if so, the reasons for which a number of officers are yet to join their assignments and they are not being relieved; and

(c) by when Government propose to direct the concerned Departments to relieve the transferred officers immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The transfers have already taken effect in respect of 199 officers out of a total 214 transferred. Out of the remaining 15 officers, one has proceeded on training and another has taken voluntary retirement. Instructions have been issued for the immediate implementation of the rest of the transfers.

Fluctuation in Poverty Rate

†*395. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI K.M.KHAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that poverty rate declined to 30 per cent from 36 per cent during the period from 1989-90 to 1995-96 while it has again increased to 34.6 per cent during 1996-97;

(b) the reasons for this fluctuation;

(c) what methodology is adopted to determine the poverty line;

(d) whether it is also a fact that development of cities has stopped due to this repid increase in poverty; and

(e) the steps Government are taking to boost the urban development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) The Planning Commission estimates the percentage of persons living below the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.